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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date October 2, 1940.

Subject Article in the Tairiku Shimpo containing allegations against the Moore Memorial Church - editor interviewed.

Made by N. S. Kumashita *Forwarded by* D. I. Crawford.

On the morning of October 2, 1940, in accordance with instructions of D. C. (Special Branch), the undersigned interviewed Mr. Kojima, deputy chief editor of the "Tairiku Shimpo", 286 Seward Road, in the absence of Mr. Fukuya, the chief editor, and requested him to publish a correction of the article which appeared in the issue dated September 20, 1940, containing allegations to the effect that the Moore Memorial Church had been utilized by Chungking elements as their communication centre and also that on September 15, 1940, a performance of an anti-Japanese character had taken place in the church in question. The attached letters from the Moore Memorial Church and the Publicity Department of the British Embassy, respectively, have been shown to Mr. Kojima.

Mr. Kojima stated that he also had received a similar letter from the Moore Memorial Church, but that before a correction could be published he must make his own investigations as to whether or not the report referred to above is correct. If the report proves to be groundless, a corresponding correction will be published.

N. Kumashita
N. S.

D. C. (Special Branch).

Commissioner of Police
Special Branch
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date October 1st 1940.

Subject (in full) Allegations against the Moore Memorial Church

Made by D.I. Kao Yen Ken Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

With reference to the article appearing in the Tairiku Shimpo dated September 21 alleging that the Moore Memorial Church Yu Ya Ching Road has been used as an anti-Japanese base and held an anti-Japanese performance on September 18, enquiries show that no performances took place in the church on September 18.

Routine visits are paid by Special Branch personnel to the Church premises but no political activities have been seen.

Kao Yen-Ken

D. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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Moore Memorial Church
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
316 YU YA CHING ROAD
SHANGHAI

Sep. 25, 1940.

The Superintendent,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

Our attention has been called to an item in the China Press of Sep. 22nd, and also in the "Sing Sung Pau" of Sep. 21st reflecting on the work of this church.

We beg to state that the statements in the item are entirely false. There was no "dramatic performance" of any kind here on Sep. 18th, as stated in the paper. As most people fully understand our church is carrying on purely Christian service, and no political groups or political meetings are permitted whatever.

We know that your Department is well acquainted with these facts, but in view of the above press items, we write this letter merely to assure you that our policy is that of a Christian church and will continue to be the same.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH

by S. R. Anderson

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CHINA PRESS.

SEP 27 1940

We, The People

THE CHINA PRESS welcomes the views of its readers on subjects of the day, but publication in the correspondence column does not mean necessarily that the views expressed by correspondents are those of THE CHINA PRESS.

False Report

Editor, THE CHINA PRESS.

Sir,—Our attention has been called to an item in your edition of Sept. 22, 1940 entitled, "Nippon Daily Bares Spy Ring in Moore Memorial Church."

Each statement in the item is false, except the statement of your source of information. We have considered THE CHINA PRESS to be a paper with ethical standards, and do not understand why it should now print such a false report, apparently with no effort to investigate its truth or falsity.

We believe that it is well known in Shanghai that the Moore Memorial Church has been carrying on a purely service program among years, under the auspices of the American (Southern) Methodist Mission. None of its activities have ever been "suppressed," because all recognize that they are for the good of the people. During the week Sept. 15-22, open evangelistic meetings were held, urging the people to repent of their sins and live the Christian life. (There was no "dramatic performance" of any kind on Sept. 18.)

Possibly such a false report slipped in unnoticed, so we call attention to it, believing that you desire to give a fair deal to purely service institutions.

Sincerely yours,
Moore Memorial Church by
S. R. ANDERSON.

Shanghai, Sept. 24, 1940.

The item referred to above is a translation of a Tairiku Shimbun report sent in by Domei. It appears that certain charges have been made by the Japanese journal, and we believe that suppression of the report would do more harm to the Moore Memorial Church, particularly when such report is incorrect, as claimed by the Church.—Ed.

D.T. Kao,
Please attach to your file.
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Sin Shun Pao (Japanese-owned Chinese language newspaper) of September 26 :-

LETTER FROM PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT OF BRITISH EMBASSY

To the Editorial Department :

The report published by your paper on September 21 to the effect that the Moore Memorial Church at No. 316 Yu Ya Ching Road is a British missionary church is untrue.

The Moore Memorial Church was not established by a British missionary sect nor has it any connection with any British organization.

Hoping that a correction will be made.

The Publicity Department of the
British Embassy.
September 23.

September 21, 1940. Morning Translation.

TAIRIKU SHIMPO

ANTI-JAPANESE CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT

The Moore Memorial Church (British) is located at No.316 Yu Ya Ching Road near Hankow Road. This church had been used by Chungking elements as a communications base since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. Their activities were suppressed by the S.M.P. On September 18, the anniversary of the Mukden Incident, more than 300 Christians assembled at the church to attend an anti-Japanese performance.